



Solihull & District Orchid Society

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the members

CHRISTMAS SHOW

As always the December meeting is a wonderful event

The Show table was full of glorious specimens and was certainly a feast for the eyes.

It is very apt that I mention feast because there was plenty of food for us all to share and as a result the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

For the fifth year in succession Malcolm walked off with the 4 main Trophies including the Gloria Cotton Trophy for most points in the show.

His Epidendrum peperomia won the Mary Griffith Trophy for Best Species and his



Phragmipedium schlimii Birchwood AM/AOS won the Jack Pettit Trophy for Best Hybrid, the Bob Harris Bowl for Best Plant in the Show and a Cultural Commendation Certificate.

We were delighted that there were some



entries in the Novice Class and this year Anne Haines was victorious. Well done Anne.

The last trophy to be

presented was the Trish Carney Memorial Trophy for an unsung hero and this year it was awarded to Jan Davison who received a long and warm round of applause for her contribution to the society. Jan was responsible for the trophies for many years ensuring they were properly engraved and cleaned ready for both shows.

Congratulations to Jan, your help is much appreciated.

This was the first show that Tjin has officiated but who would have known because everything went like clockwork.

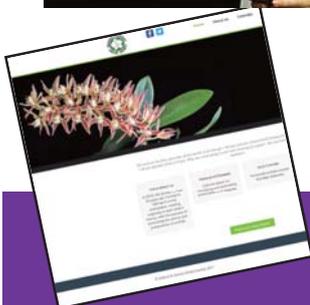
Thanks to Tjin and to everybody who entered plants.



Phragmipedium schlimii
Birchwood AM/AOS



Epidendrum peperomia



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Cat. bowringiana - Malcolm Moodie



Cat. Dolls - Monica Johnson



Dtps. Apoya - Malcolm Moodie



Epidendrum peperomia - Malcolm Moodie



Ludisia discolor - Monica Johnson



Masd. - Malcolm Moodie



Paph. Maudie - Anne Haines

**Class
winners
Christmas
table**



Paph. spicerianum - Malcolm Moodie



**Phrag. schlimii Birchwood -
Malcolm Moodie**



Speckelinia - Stan Taylor



Rossioglossum - Stan Taylor

BOC Photographic Competition



Thank you to everybody who entered their photos in this years competition and as a result we had to make the difficult selection of the 5 best from the 16 entered.

After reviewing the whole set numerous times the votes were cast and the results counted with the following pictures being selected:

- 1st **Habenaria medusa - Lina Smalinske**
- 2nd **Dendrochilum magnum - Ken Johnson**
- 3rd **Arundina graminifolia - Malcolm Moodie**
- 4th **Galeandra leptoceras - Ken Johnson**
- 5th **Dendrobium cuthbertsonii**
Lina Smalinske

These 5 photos will now be entered into the BOC Competition and at some time in early 2019 you will get the chance to select your favourites from all those entered from all the orchid societies.

Christmas hamper

Heike did us proud this year with a hamper that was absolutely overflowing with goodies and this year it was won by Janette Torrance – what a way to start the Christmas celebrations.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 5th January when we will kick off the New Year with a Judging Competition for Members.

We all get the opportunity of judging the plants which are then judged by Lina and Pete who will then take us through their opinion based on the BOC Judging Process. It's great fun and as it's new year the person with the highest score goes home with a prize.

Please bring your plants for the display table as usual so that we have plenty to judge and plenty to enjoy.

Subscriptions

Your subscriptions are now due (£12 Individual or £16 Couple). Please see Heike who will give you your 2019 Programme of Events and your BOC Year Book which contains every event during the year ahead plus countless elements of useful information on everything to do with orchids.

2019 Calendar - Erratum

Unfortunately, there is an error on this year's membership card.

Please note that Octobers Meeting is on Saturday 5th October and not the 8th.

Caption Competition

We printed a picture in September's Newsletter with Stan and Janet in deep competition.

At the Xmas Show I announced the winning caption which is printed with the photograph in this newsletter.

Well done to Martin Ball for a very funny caption - which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members at the Christmas Show and as a result Martin will receive a bottle of wine.



"Another fine mess you've got me into Stanley!"